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RE: AIA Lobby Day 2023

Dear Member of Congress:

The 96,000+ members of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) have connected the power of design in the spaces where we live, work, learn and play for over 167 years. As natural facilitators and problem-solvers, architects stand ready to support new policies that create a more resilient, sustainable, and equitable society.

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Today, as part of the AIA Leadership Summit, architects among your constituency will be traveling to the national capital to directly advocate for legislation impacting the profession. This year's AIA Lobby Day participants will amplify their collective support for two key, bipartisan policy priorities: design freedom and resilience.

No design style is inherently more or less valuable than any other. As such, AIA stands firmly against any federal mandate on architectural design. We support the Democracy in Design Act—a legislative measure to maintain style-neutrality respectful of this country's regional differences and encouraging of American architectural innovation.

AIA is committed to federal policies that support climate action for human and ecological health. Improving building and community resilience to future natural disaster threats are critical to this imperative. We support the bipartisan Resilient AMERICA Act. This legislation, once reintroduced in this Congress, would significantly advance pre-disaster mitigation, as well as resilient building code adoption and implementation.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact AIA's Federal Relations staff: Kara Kempfski ([karakempfski@aia.org](mailto:karakempfski@aia.org)), Blake Nanney ([blakenanney@aia.org](mailto:blakenanney@aia.org)), or Jaelon Moaney ([jaelonmoaney@aia.org](mailto:jaelonmoaney@aia.org)).

Thank you for your time and your consideration of these important issues.

Sincerely,



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